

## Deacon's Discourse

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."  
Psalm 118:24

Take a moment to read that verse again. Be in the moment, take a deep breath, and read it just one more time slowly. Take it in and thank God for whatever this beautiful day might hold!

For many of us, August is a month of transitions. It often holds a bit of unpredictability as well, as we journey towards another season of predictable and organized activities. For some of us, work goes from a more laid back summer mode (maybe even with summer hours) to a more formal and scheduled mode. Some of us will go back to school or start school, whether it's preschool, college, or somewhere in between. Others will be moving out or moving in or are still in a space of discerning what is next for them.

At Trinity, we thank God for a busy and enriching summer in which we shared God's Word and did God's Work through Vacation Bible School, Bible/Book Studies, Youth Events, the National Youth Gathering, Miracle Treat Day, and weekly worship, among other activities. It has been a delightfully busy summer at Trinity!

And now we look forward to a new season of faith formation activities. We are currently signing our youth up for Sunday School and Confirmation. (We are still in need of a few Sunday School teachers...

hint, hint.) We are having a church wide clean up the morning of August 17th. We will bless our youth, teachers, and backpacks on August 18th. We will be hosting the DSU fall athletes for dinner, as well as providing and serving the Gathering meal. We will wrap up our summer worship schedule, and we will kick-off the new season on September 8th with two worship services and the beginning of Sunday School and our musical choirs. And that, my friends, is just the beginning! We have so much to look forward to as a community.

As we enter this time of wrapping up one season and entering another, I encourage you to greet each of these days with an open heart and Psalm 118:24. Take a breath and just sit with God's goodness for a few minutes. God blesses us with a new day each day, a day to begin fresh and take in all God has for us. Embrace each day and look for where God is showing up all around you. God is up to something... today and every day.

Thank you, Trinity family and friends, for a wonderful summer sharing God's love! I can't wait to see how the Holy Spirit works in all of us in our next season together!

Deacon Koren



## FALL CLEANUP DAY!

Trinity fall cleanup day is August 17th from 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. If willing, please bring a vacuum from home. We will have the rest of the cleaning supplies. You can sign up using the form in the narthex or check our Facebook page for an online sign-up!

**CHURCH  
WORKDAY**

Thank you for helping keep Trinity sparkling!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AADAE2BA0FDC16-50062413-trinity>

## Thank You

On behalf of the staff of Trinity, we would like to thank the individuals who have been going above and beyond to help keep our church home clean and tidy. Whether that be grabbing an extra piece of garbage, pulling weeds, or wiping down tables and chairs after they are getting used. This is a big space, and it takes a family to help keep it clean. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. So, Thank You!



# Unapproved July Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Church Council meeting  
Tuesday, July 9, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

President Tom Farrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Council recited Trinity’s mission statement.

Present: Pastor Steve Lindley, President Tom Farrell, Secretary Nancy Sabbe, Shelly Balogh, Alicia Koch, Dani Ruhd, Stacy Thomsen, Darrel Presuhn, Walker Ruhd, Eric Anderson, Patti Weber, Lucas Muller, Karen Giles, Virginia Lemme, and Jean Mitchell

Absent and excused: Vice-president Kurt Christian- sen, Melody Hansen, Marie Millage, Deacon Koren Lindley

President Tom Farrell shared a devotion from Gene- sis reminding the Council that all we have is a gift from God. Since we are created in His image, we are also created to be givers.

Pastor Steve Lindley shared an opening prayer.

Dani Ruhd requested that an item regarding the pur- chase and installation of a lock box be added to the proposed agenda. Motion by Virginia Lemme, se- conded by Darrel Presuhn, to approve the agenda with the additional item under new business. Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Mitchell, seconded by Eric Ander- son, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

President Tom Farrell gave the following report:  
As of June 30, 2024

General Fund Offering	\$170,776.38
Expenses	\$192,999.26
Expenses over Offering	\$22,222.88

Compared to 2023, the general fund offering has increased and expenses have decreased. \$20,475 of the money from the Edwin Hanneman Endowment has been used to keep the budget balanced. Motion by Virginia Lemme, seconded by Patti Weber, to acknowledge the Financial Report. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Pastor Steve Lindley reported

- that the staff has settled into a good rhythm.
- the Trustees have decided to purchase two new desktop computers for the office.
- a decision has been made to eliminate the ribbons and instruments for children at the Celebration

Service. Other ways to include children in the worship will be considered.

- he is leading a summer book study.
- the National Youth Gathering is next week, July 14–21.

Deacon Koren Lindley submitted a written report.

President Tom Farrell reported

- he is pleased with the current state of the financ- es, but the Council should remain vigilant about staying within our budget.
- he is happy with the new structure of the Council meetings.

Board of Deacons—Virginia Lemme reporting

- that the Care Team is formalizing a list of those who would like visits.
- Trinity will feed the DSU athletes near the end of August.
- Trinity will serve the Gathering at the Methodist Church on August 26.
- Patti Weber is planning to introduce the re- freshed service groups to the congregation on August 18.
- Karen Giles is looking for more people to take home communion to the home-bound. There is also an opportunity for more individuals to join the loafers and make the communion bread.
- Lucas Muller suggested using social media to preview the next worship service. To encourage people to volunteer to be an usher or greeter, etc., he suggested making short, informative vid- eos so people can see what they will do in any of the volunteer positions.

Board of Trustees—Eric Anderson reporting

- the “leak team” from ARS has examined the nar- thex roof. They patched some spots and installed new flashing against the brick. They found no damage to the membrane. The leaks are mainly in the area where the office/preschool addition meets the old building. There have been leaks from the door to the garden by the elevator. Walker Ruhd will install a new threshold.
- new desktop computers will be purchased for Pastor Steve and Alex Eykamp at a cost of ap- proximately \$1700.
- the board is looking into the purchase of a Life- Vac choking device.
- the Stewardship Committee will meet on July 10.
- Walker Ruhd reported that he is deep cleaning the preschool and sanding the cover of the bap- tismal font.

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Board of Parish Education—Dani Ruhd reporting

- Vacation Bible School was a success. 50 children, preschool through 2nd grade, attended.
- Stacy Thomsen worked with the youth to prepare 20 Birthday Boxes.
- 8 children have registered to attend the Shetek Day Camp at St. John Lutheran on July 22–25. Trinity is responsible to provide two evening meals for the camper staff.
- making plans for Miracle Treat Day, July 25.
- the women's book study will begin a new study soon. Alicia Koch is leading the study.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee—no report

Kitchen Policy—no report. The committee is meeting next week.

Fall Cleaning—Dani Ruhd reporting

- will have a sign-up in the July newsletter for volunteers to help with the cleaning on Saturday, August 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

God's Work, Our Hands—Dani Ruhd reporting

- met with representatives from St. John Lutheran. Their vision for the event differs from Trinity's. The Committee has decided to continue to prepare for a September 15 day of service at Bethel Lutheran Home. Next year they will contact St. John earlier in the planning.

Care Team—Virginia Lemme reporting

- the Care Team is a group of 15 individuals who are finalizing a list of Trinity members who desire a visit. They expect to begin visiting members in August or September.

Pastor Steve Lindley presented a team building exercise involving teams of two members telling each other what impressed them about a reading from scripture. The person hearing that report was responsible for telling it to the entire Council.

### OLD BUSINESS

The air conditioning in the office is not functioning. Walker Ruhd has set up a portable air conditioning unit that is maintaining a comfortable temperature in the office. Vice-president Kurt Christiansen will contact Sid Gulbranson about what needs to be done.

There have been some additional leaks in the Narthex. A team from ARS has examined the roof and made repairs.

Kaden Krusemark will continue to livestream the worship services. There have been some issues with the broadcast of the service on KJAM. They have had

some equipment problems and personnel changes.

Trinity's ministry to DSU plans to have something available for the Ministry Fair on August 18. Pastor Steve has been contacted by Pastor Rebecca Bredin from St. John Lutheran about collaborating on a project connecting Trinity and St. John to DSU students and possibly applying for a grant. Pastor Steve and Lucas Muller will talk to Pastor Rebecca.

### NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Steve reminded the Council that a decision on the use of the tithe from the Hanneman Endowment needs to be made and presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. He asked the Boards to bring their ideas to the August Council meeting.

Plans for Rally Sunday, September 8, were discussed. It was suggested that Rally Sunday include the introduction of the refreshed service groups and the Ministry Fair previously scheduled for August 18. Following a conversation with Deacon Koren, it was decided that since the introduction of the refreshed service groups will be moved to Rally Sunday, it would be best not to have a Ministry Fair this year. It makes more sense to have the service groups get together during the coffee hour.

Dani Ruhd presented the request from the Board of Parish Education that a lock box be purchased and installed on the wall to the left of the office door. It would be used for checks/payments and should be large enough to accommodate a money bag. Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Patti Weber, to approve the purchase and installation of a lock box. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Dani Ruhd and seconded by Jean Mitchell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Sabbe, secretary

*Serve the*  
**LORD**  
*with*  
**GLADNESS**

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays  Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday		
04  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	05  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	06  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 4:30PM–5:30PM Board of Deacons Meeting : Fireside Room</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> <li>• 7:30PM–8:30PM Scouts Meeting : Fireside Room</li> </ul>
11  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jingle Change</li> <li>• 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> <li>• 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	12  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	13  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> <li>• 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
18  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship w/Backpack Blessing : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	19  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	20  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 4:00PM–9:00PM DSU Athlete Meal : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> </ul>
25  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship w/Baptism : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	26  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00PM–6:00PM Trinity Serves The Gathering : Off Site</li> <li>• 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	27  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> </ul>

**2024**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:00PM–7:00PM MWF Preschool Open House : Sonshine Preschool Room</li> <li>• 8:00PM–10:30PM Summer Youth Movie in the Park Activity : Off Site</li> </ul>	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 4:00PM–7:00PM TR Preschool Open House : Sonshine Preschool Room</li> <li>• 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00AM–12:00PM Prayer Vigil : Sanctuary, Narthex</li> </ul>
14 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00AM–11:00AM Church-wide Fall Cleanup Day</li> <li>• 1:00PM–4:00PM Loxie Rowland Celebration of Life : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:00AM–11:59PM 1st Day of MWF Preschool Class : Sonshine Preschool Room</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM Confirmation Orientation Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:00AM–11:59PM 1st Day of TR Preschool Class : Sonshine Preschool Room</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	24 
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 8:00PM–9:00PM Membership Committee Meeting : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li> </ul>	31 

## Prayer Vigil to be Held for Those Impacted by Flooding, Storms

Our next “Stewards of God’s Love” Sunday at Trinity is August 11th. The focus for that Sunday will be thinking about ways we look OUT to see how God is calling us to love our neighbor. One of the ways we can do this is through prayer. In this spirit, Trinity will be holding a prayer vigil at the church on Saturday, August 10th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be praying for those impacted by storms and flooding this spring and summer. You are invited to sign up for a 30-minute block of prayer, or two if you think you will need more time. You can sign up in the narthex or online. As we get closer to the 10th, further instruction will be sent out to those who have signed up.

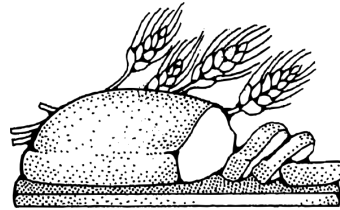
## Worship Assistant Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to take care of the various aspects of worship. To volunteer, please contact the church office at 605-256-2771 or officemanager@tlcmadison.com. You may also use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Thank you.

## Help Wanted

The Celebration Team needs a drummer. Contact Virginia Lemme at 605-270-1845 if interested.

## Bread Bakers Wanted



Have you ever wondered where the bread comes from that we use for communion? There are several families who have volunteered over the years to

make the bread. We are looking for a few new people who would like to give loafer bread making a try. The recipe is easy and simple to make. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Karen Giles at [Karengiles85@gmail.com](mailto:Karengiles85@gmail.com) or call the church office at 605-256-2771.



Thank you to Susan Williams, Ron & Bobbi Janke, and Karen Giles for serving Home Communion in July.



TLC Sunday School registration for the 2024–25 school year is live! Get your kids registered for a fun year and new curriculum! You can register online (link is on FB or at [tlcmadison.com](http://tlcmadison.com)) or pick up a hard copy by the elevator. If possible please register by August 15th!

## Membership Information

*Is your info. up-to-date?*

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land-line? Did you change your e-mail address? Did you get married? Did you have a baby? Did you get a divorce? Do you wonder why the church has not been connecting with you? Please notify the church office when you have an address change, e-mail change, marital status change, etc. or update the information on your Realm account.



## Financial Response as of 6/30/2024

The year-to-date statistics are:

Your General Fund Offering	\$170,776.38
Expenses	\$192,999.26
Expenses over Offering	(\$ 22,222.88)

## Mission Kits Available

Personal care kits are available to be picked up in the narthex, filled, and returned to the church office by Rally Sunday, Sept. 8.

## NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials  
July 2024

### In Memory of Pastor James Christopherson

Kay Johnson  
Michael and Kristi Wiest  
Gary and Lori Klopf  
Robert and Carolyn Bauman  
Kathryn Borns  
Doris Bushard  
Thomas and Jennifer Greco  
David Hanson  
Merry Hanson  
Grant and Linda Jahr  
Todd and Wendy Koster  
Clint Liddiard  
Roy and Kathy Lindsay  
Tom and Jane Maurer  
Dan and Dana Megard  
Doug and Joan Merager  
Michael and Deborah Olson  
Gary and Karen Kratochvil  
Greg and Karen Schultz  
Patrick and Sara Tomscha  
Susan, Sally and Jon Olson  
Tom and Sandy Evett  
Marv and Sandy Rhode  
Bill and Diane Bruns  
Gene and Marilyn Hexom  
Karen Feige  
Mary Ann Downs Weber

### In Memory of Dr. Homer Stensrud

Gene and Marilyn Hexom  
Nyla Sonen

### In Memory of Marv Olson

Elaine Struwe

### In Memory of Bradley Plack

Bill and Diane Bruns  
Gene and Marilyn Hexom  
Karen Feige  
Marlys Schmidt  
Jon and Mary Hunter  
Matthew and Kim Bruns

### In Memory of Roland Palmquist

Linda Bruns

### In Memory of Elaine Olson

Heather Olson

### In Memory of Merlyn Van Rosendale

Marv and Sandy Rhode  
Bill and Diane Bruns  
Jon and Mary Hunter

## August Coffee Hour

The August Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Thaddeus. Group Leaders will be contacting you. Your help is always appreciated ~ Thank you!!!

## Trinity Serving Community Meals

Trinity will be serving the DSU athletes a meal on Tuesday, Aug. 20 and The Gathering on Monday, Aug. 26. Your help will be needed to make these events a success. More info. to come.

**Mark your calendars—Sunday, September 15th!**  
“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is the ELCA’s annual day of service, and Trinity will be participating in a day of service to our community!



**TLC Youth**

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

**MOVIE IN THE PARK**

(swimming pool park band shelter)

**AUGUST 7**

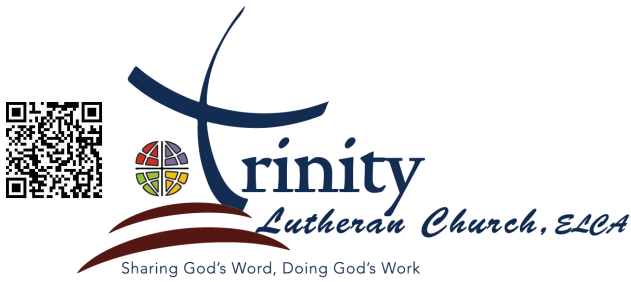
**GATHER AT 8 PM**

**MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK**

**POPCORN PROVIDED!**

**bring a chair & beverage!**

**MOVIE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!**



203 N. Harth Ave.  
Madison, SD 57042

**Return Service Requested**

## Financial Giving Options

- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Credit cards can be processed in the church office.
- The church website ([www.tlcmadison.com](http://www.tlcmadison.com)) allows for one-time or recurring donations using a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card.
- The Electronic Giving option through Vanco can also be initialized by filling out an application form in the church office.
- If you should have questions with any of these options or would like to discuss which one is the best option for you, please call Alex at the church office at 605-256-2771.

### Mission of the Month

The August Mission of the Month is Lutherans Outdoors, a camping ministry of the SD Synod of the ELCA, operating three camps – Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch and Ne So Dak.

*Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes to Mission of the Month Fund. The Jingle Change collection on August 11 also supports the Mission of the Month.*

### Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for August is cereal. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

### Congregational Information

**Deaths:** Marvin Olson on July 6

Doris Payne on July 27

**Baptisms:** Maisey Hoff and Holt Hoff on July 28

**Weddings:** none

### Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Steve or the church office.

# SEE YOU IN CHURCH